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Friday, October 17 2003

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445 12th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

VIA FACSIMILE

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USA

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I currently have a tv-tuner card in my PC and enjoy watching/recording programs that I can then share replays of with the rest of my family. Please do not allow such entertaining activities to become unavailable as the country moves to digital broadcasting.

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Joseph Sanders

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Dear Michael Copps,

My name is Will Risenhoover, I work forty hours a week at a regular job, enjoy watching TV and I am writing to voice my opposition to any FCC-mandated adoption of "broadcast flag" technology for digital television. As a consumer and citizen, I feel strongly that such a policy could promote censorship and would be bad for innovation, consumer rights, and the ultimate adoption of DTV.

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